

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. and 2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) ~~Said apparatus of claim 2,~~ Apparatus for cooking food
2 within a fireplace having a space for building a fire, wherein said apparatus
3 comprises:
4 a food grill including a food support surface and an elongated handle
5 extending from a proximal end of said food support surface; and
6 a frame including a coupling portion, a support portion, and a base portion,
7 wherein
8 said coupling portion removably accepts a distal end of said food
9 grill to hold said food grill to extend horizontally outward from said coupling
10 portion, wherein said coupling portion holds said food grill in a plurality of
11 vertically spaced-apart positions above said space for building a fire,
12 said coupling portion comprises a pair of slotted members and a an
13 upper crossbar,
14 each of said slotted members has a slotted portion including a
15 plurality of vertically spaced apart slots extending between flat sides of
16 said slotted portion from a narrow edge of said slotted portion,
17 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of said food
18 grill, and
19 said upper crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally
20 spaced apart to engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart
21 positions,
22 each of said slotted members includes a twisted portion extending
23 between said slotted portion of said slotted member and a lower portion of
24 said slotted member having a flat side attached to said upper crossbar,
25 said support portion extends downward from said coupling portion
26 to be disposed behind said space for building a fire, and

27 said base portion extends outward from a lower end of said support
28 portion to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said space for
29 building a fire.

4. and 5. (canceled)

1 6. (currently amended) Said apparatus of claim 5 3, wherein
2 said apparatus comprises a plurality of food grills
3 each of said food grills includes a food support surface and an elongated
4 handle extending from a proximal end of said food support surface, and
5 said coupling portion removably accepts distal portions of all said food
6 grills in said plurality of food grills, holding each of said food grills in a plurality of
7 vertically spaced positions,
8 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted members and
9 a an upper crossbar,
10 each of said slotted members has a slotted portion including a plurality of
11 vertically spaced apart slots extending between flat sides of said slotted portion
12 from a narrow edge of said slotted portion,
13 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of each food grill in
14 said plurality of food grills, and
15 said upper crossbar holds said pairs of slotted members horizontally
16 spaced apart to engage said distal end of each of said food grills in spaced apart
17 positions, and
18 each of said slotted members includes a twisted portion extending
19 between said slotted portion of said slotted member and a lower portion of said
20 slotted member having a flat side attached to said upper crossbar.

1 7. (currently amended) Said apparatus of claim 4 3, wherein
2 said frame includes a pair of spaced apart L-shaped brackets,
3 said support portion of said frame includes vertically extending legs of

1 said pair of L-shaped brackets, and
2 said base portion of said frame includes horizontally extending legs of
3 said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 8. (currently amended) Said apparatus of claim 7, wherein said base portion of
2 said frame additionally includes a lower crossbar extending between said
3 horizontally extending legs of said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 9. (currently amended) Said apparatus of claim 4 3, wherein said food support
2 surface includes a number of ribs extending in both directions around rectangular
3 apertures.

10. and 11. (canceled)

1 12. (currently amended) ~~Said frame of claim 10;~~ A frame for supporting a food
2 grill for cooking food within a fireplace having a space for building a fire, wherein
3 said frame comprises:

4 a coupling portion removably accepting a distal end of said food grill to
5 hold said food grill to extend horizontally outward from said coupling portion,
6 above said space for building a fire, wherein said coupling portion holds said food
7 grill in a plurality of vertically spaced-apart positions wherein

8 said coupling portion comprises a pair of slotted members and a
9 an upper crossbar,

10 each of said slotted members has a slotted portion including a
11 plurality of vertically spaced apart slots extending between flat sides of
12 said slotted portion from a narrow edge of said slotted portion,

13 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of said food
14 grill, and

15 said upper crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally
16 spaced apart to engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart

17 positions; and
18 each of said slotted members includes a twisted portion extending
19 between said slotted portion of said slotted member and a lower portion of
20 said slotted member having a flat side attached to said upper crossbar,
21 a support portion extending downward from said coupling portion to be
22 disposed behind said space for building a fire; and
23 a base portion extending outward from a lower end of said support portion
24 to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said space for building a fire.

13. and 14. (canceled)

1 15. (currently amended) Said frame of claim 44 12, wherein
2 said coupling portion removably accepts distal portions of food grills in a
3 plurality of food grills, holding each of said food grills in a plurality of vertically
4 spaced positions,
5 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted members and
6 a an upper crossbar,
7 each of said slotted members has a slotted portion including a plurality of
8 vertically spaced apart slots extending between flat sides of said slotted portion
9 from a narrow edge of said slotted portion,
10 each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end of a food grill in
11 said plurality of food grills, and
12 said upper crossbar holds said pairs of slotted members horizontally
13 spaced apart to engage said distal end of each of said food grills in spaced apart
14 positions, and
15 each of said slotted members includes a twisted portion extending
16 between said slotted portion of said slotted member and a lower portion of said
17 slotted member having a flat side attached to said upper crossbar.
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1 16. (currently amended) Said frame of claim 40 12, including a pair of spaced
2 apart L-shaped brackets, wherein
3 said support portion includes vertically extending legs of said pair of L-
4 shaped brackets, and
5 said base portion includes horizontally extending legs of said pair of L-
6 shaped brackets.

1 17. (original) Said apparatus of claim 16, wherein said base portion additionally
2 includes a lower crossbar extending between said horizontally extending legs of
3 said pair of L-shaped brackets.

1 18. (new) Said apparatus of claim 7, wherein said upper crossbar is attached to
2 each of said vertically extending legs of said pair of L-shaped brackets to hold a
3 plurality of said slotted members spaced apart from one another and from said
4 vertically extending legs.

1 19. (new) Apparatus for cooking food within a fireplace having a space for
2 building a fire, wherein said apparatus comprises:

3 a plurality of food grills, each including a food support surface and an
4 elongated handle extending from a proximal end of said food support surface;
5 and

6 a frame including a coupling portion, a support portion, and a base portion,
7 wherein

8 said coupling portion removably accepts a distal end of each food
9 grill in said plurality of food grills to hold said food grill to extend
10 horizontally outward from said coupling portion,

11 said coupling portion holds said food grill in a plurality of vertically
12 spaced-apart positions above said space for building a fire,

13 said coupling portion comprises a plurality of pairs of slotted
14 members and an upper crossbar,

15 each of said slotted members has a plurality of vertically spaced
16 apart slots, wherein each of said slots engages a portion of said distal end
17 of said food grill,

18 said upper crossbar holds said slotted members horizontally
19 spaced apart to engage said distal end of said food grill in spaced apart
20 positions,

21 said support portion extends downward from said coupling portion
22 to be disposed behind said space for building a fire,

23 said base portion extends outward from a lower end of said support
24 portion to be disposed along a floor of said fireplace below said space for
25 building a fire,

26 said frame includes a pair of spaced apart L-shaped brackets,

27 said support portion of said frame includes vertically extending legs
28 of said pair of L-shaped brackets, and

29 said base portion of said frame includes horizontally extending legs
30 of said pair of L-shaped brackets, and

31 said upper crossbar is attached to each of said vertically extending
32 legs of said pair of L-shaped brackets to hold a plurality of said slotted
33 members spaced apart from one another and from said vertically
34 extending legs.

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